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SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF SECOND US-USSR JOINT ENERGY COMMITTEE  
MEETING (08/00); NOTIFICATION TO SOVIETS

REF: STATE 055647

1. TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM FEA ADMINISTRATOR ZARB (PER REFTTEL CONCERNING POSTPONEMENT OF SECOND SESSION OF US-USSR JOINT ENERGY COMMITTEE WAS CONVEYED TO MINISTER NEPOROZHNIY MARCH 10 IN FORM OF LETTER FROM ZARB TO NEPOROZHNIY, WITH COVER LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO NEPOROZHNIY. LETTER WAS DELIVERED BY SCICOUNS IN MEETING WITH FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ZHIKOV, MAL'TSEV, AND TROSHIN AT MINPOWER.

2. SCICOUNS HAD INFORMED TROSHIN OF CONTENT OF LETTER BY TELEPHONE PRIOR TO MEETING. ZHIVKOV THEREFORE WAS ABLE TO REPORT NEPOROZHNIY INITIAL REACTION TO NEWS OF MEETING POSTPONEMENT, ONE OF "SURPRISE, NOT

QUITE PLEASANT." ZHIVKOV STATED THAT NEWS HAD BEEN BROKEN TO NEPOROZHNIY WHILE HE WAS PRESIDING AT LARGE MEETING IN MINISTRY,  
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A CIRCUMSTANCE WHICH HAD THUS FAR PREVENTED HIS STAFF FROM OBTAINING

FROM HIM A MORE SPECIFIC REACTION TO MEETING POSTPONEMENT.

3. DURING COURSE OF MEETING SCICOUNS WAS PRESSED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING DECISION TO POSTPONE MEETING BUT LIMITED HIS COMMENTS TO GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN PARAS 4 AND 5 OF REFTEL.

4. MINPOWER OFFICIALS REACTED TO TEXT OF LETTER WITH FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(A) WHAT DOES US DECISION TO POSTPONE MEETING MEAN?

(B) WHAT DOES MR. ZARB MEAN BY SAYING THAT "BOTH SIDES CAN .. CONTINUE THEIR DELIBERATIONS? DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE SIX GROUPS AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED SHOULD PROCEED AS BEFORE? WHAT SHOULD THE GROUPS ON OIL, COAL, AND FORECASTING DO?

(C) IS THIS DECISION TO POSTPONE THE MEETING CONNECTED WITH THE MATTERS DISCUSSED IN THE MATLOCK LETTER TO MAKSIMOV? (I.E., WITH THE QUESTION OF A VISIT TO THE KAMCHATKA GEOTHERMAL SITES).

5. SCICOUNS PROMISED TO REPORT THESE QUESTIONS TO MR. ZARB AND INFORMED HIM OF MINPOWER REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF NATURE AND SCOPE OF COOPERATIVE WORK UNDER ENERGY AGREEMENT IN WHICH US IS NOW PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE. SCICOUNS COMMENTED THAT TEXT OF LETTER INDICATED TO HIM THAT US PREPARED TO CONTINUE FULL RANGE OF COOPERATIVE WORK ALREADY PLANNED AND UNDERTAKEN, BUT NOT PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING AT THIS TIME.

6. MINPOWER OFFICIALS THROUGHOUT COURSE OF MEETING REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND DISMAY AT DECISION TO POSTPONE MEETING. ZHIVKOV AND MAL'TSEV ENUMERATED AT LENGTH THE PREPARATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY MINPOWER TO PREPARE FOR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, FROM HOTEL RESERVATIONS TO COMPLETION OF WORKING GROUP REPORTS. TROSHIN SINGLED OUT PHRASING "AT A JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, WHICH COULD PERHAPS TAKE PLACE SOMETIME DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR," TO OFFER BITTER COMMENT: QTE TWO SIDES ARE COOPERATING HERE. BUT IN THE LETTER IT APPEARS THAT ONE SIDE IS DETERMINING THE COOPERATION. END QTE.

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